

# ZERO'S

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# The Story Thus Far

SAITO HIGARA WAS SUMMONED TO A STRANGE WORLD CALLED HALKEGINIA BY A GIRL NAMED LOUISE, WHO'S VERY CUTE BUT HAS ZERO MAGICAL TALENT! DESPITE BEING SEEN AS A FAILED SUMMONING, SAITO SEALED HIS FATE WITH A KISS AND REMAINS IN LOUISE'S WORLD AS HER FAMILIAR.

AFTER LOUISE AWAKENED AS A LEGENDARY VOID MAGE AND SAITO ACQUIRED A ZERO FIGHTER PLANE, THE TWO OF THEM MANAGED TO REPEL THE RECONQUISTA--A SHADOWY ORGANIZATION WHO DECLARED WAR AGAINST TRISTAIN. THANKS TO QUEEN HENRIETTA'S QUICK THINKING, THE KINGDOM OF TRISTAIN MANAGED TO SMOKE OUT A HIGH-LEVEL TRAITOR. THE ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST ALBION HAS BEGUN!

FOR THEIR FIRST MAJOR MISSION IN THE ATTACK ON ALBION, LOUISE AND SAITO WERE JOINED BY A SQUAD OF DRAGON KNIGHTS. THE KNIGHTS SACRIFICED THEMSELVES TO DEFEND SAITO'S PLANE, AND NOW THE TWO OF THEM CONTINUE TOWARD DARDANELLES TO COMPLETE THEIR MISSION.

## Cast of Characters

CAPTAIN OF THE CLIENTS WIGSTERS, EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND SEEMED WITH BOTH SWORDS AND GUNS, NICKNAMED THE MAGE KILLER.



✦ Agnès ✦

A TWEEN-OLD COMMONER WHO WORKS AS A MAID AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY, SHE HAS FEELINGS FOR SAITO AND AN IMPRESSIVE BACK.



✦ Siesta ✦

SAITO'S MASTER, WHO WIELDS THE LEGENDARY ELEMENT KNOWN AS A VOID. PRIDEFUL DAUGHTER OF A POWERFUL NOBLE FAMILY, ALSO KNOWN AS "LOUISE THE ZERO."



✦ Louise ✦

TRIANGLE FINE MAGE AND TEACHER AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY, HIS GENTLE NATURE HIDES A SECRET DARK PASS.



✦ Colbert ✦

PRINCESS AND LATER QUEEN OF THE KINGDOM OF TRISTAIN, SHE TOOK THE THRONE AT THE START OF THE WAR WITH ALBION. LOUISE'S OLD BLOOD FRIEND.



✦ Henrietta ✦

SAITO WAS SUMMONED BY LOUISE AS HER FAMILIAR AND LATER DISCOVERED KNOWN AS GANDELIO, WHO CAN WIELD ANY WEAPON. FIGHTS WITH A MAGIC TALKING BLADE CALLED DERLINGER.



✦ Saito Hiraga ✦







A close-up of a character with spiky white hair and a black eye, wearing a dark cloak. A hand with a white glove is visible near their face.

WHAT A  
WASTE.

THEY'RE  
GIRLS,  
SIR.

AND THEY  
LOOK  
YOUNG...



FWOOO

THAT  
MEANS...  
EVERYONE  
ELSE IS  
DEAD  
MEAT.



A character in a dark cloak and white pants stands over a body lying on the ground. Another body is visible in the background. The character is holding a sword.

JUST DON'T  
KILL THE  
NOBLE BRATS,  
CAPTAIN. WE  
CAN'T USE  
DEAD KIDS AS  
HOSTAGES.









SOME-  
THING'S  
WRONG.

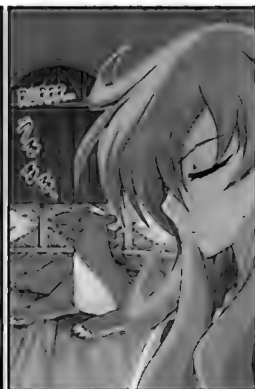


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IT'S STILL  
DARK... WHY  
ARE YOU  
ALREADY  
DRESSED?

TABITHA?  
WHAT'S  
WRONG?







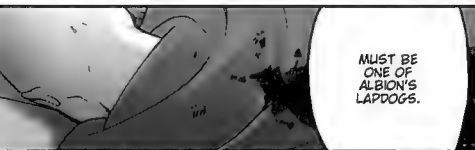
SHHK

I'M  
FINE.

CAPTAIN  
AGNES! ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?!



THINK



MUST BE  
ONE OF  
ALBION'S  
LAPDOGS.



SUIT  
UP AND  
FOLLOW  
ME!

THESE  
KNAVES  
ATTACK  
US WHILE  
WE'RE SO  
DEFENSE-  
LESS...

THE MALE  
STUDENTS  
HAVE  
ALREADY  
BEEN SENT  
TO THE  
FRONT TO  
FIGHT...



KYAAA!

CAFETERIA.

NO REASON  
TO LOOK SO  
SCARED.

AS LONG AS  
NO ONE TRIES  
ANYTHING  
RECKLESS...

YOU  
KNOW

YOU'RE  
WORKING  
FOR ALBION,  
AREN'T  
YOU? THAT'S  
WHY YOU'VE  
TAKEN US  
HOSTAGE.

YOU PLAN  
TO USE US  
IN YOUR NEGOTI-  
ATIONS,  
CORRECT?

BUT  
KEEPING  
THIS MANY  
HOSTAGES  
IS UNNECES-  
SARY... ONE  
OLD MAN  
SHOULD BE  
ENOUGH  
FOR YOUR  
PURPOSES,  
HMM?

WE'LL HAVE  
NO REASON  
TO HURT  
YOU BE  
GOOD, AND  
YOU'LL ALL  
BE FINE.





SURRENDER  
YOUR-  
SELVES,  
AND  
RELEASE  
THE  
HOSTAGES!!

WE HAVE  
YOU SUR-  
ROUNDED--  
THERE'S  
NOWHERE  
FOR YOU  
TO RUN!



LISTEN UP!  
WE ARE  
HER ROYAL  
MAJESTY'S  
MUSKETEERS!



IF YOU  
WANT THE  
HOSTAGES  
RETURNED  
SAFELY, CALL  
HENRIETTA  
HERE.



BUT  
WE'VE  
ONLY  
JUST  
STARTED.

SURREN-  
DER?



MY  
EMPLOYER  
ISN'T SO  
FOND OF  
HAVING  
ALBION'S SOIL  
TRAMPLED  
BY DIRTY  
FOREIGN  
FEET.

FOR MY  
FIRST DEMAND,  
I REQUIRE  
THE QUEEN  
TO WITHDRAW  
ALL OF HER  
SOLDIERS  
FROM ALBION.

HER  
MAJES-  
TY?



YOU  
HAVE  
FIVE  
MINUTES  
TO MAKE  
YOUR  
CHOICE!

WILL  
YOU CALL  
HENRIETTA  
HERE?!

OVER A  
DOZEN YOUNG  
DAUGHTERS  
OF NOBLE  
FAMILIES...  
IT COULD BE  
ENOUGH TO  
FORCE THE  
ARMY TO  
WITHDRAW.

I CAME HERE  
TO TRAIN  
THESE GIRLS,  
TO TEACH THEM  
TO FIGHT, AND  
YET... THIS IS  
MY FAULT!



UNDER-  
STAND,  
LITTLE  
KNIGHT?



RUSTLE

MISS  
CAPTAIN!

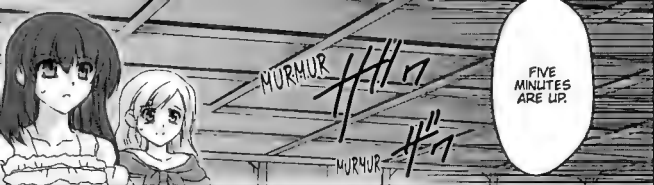
UGH!

IF I DON'T  
RECEIVE A  
RESPONSE IN  
FIVE MINUTES,  
I WILL KILL ONE  
HOSTAGE FOR  
EVERY MINUTE  
YOU'RE LATE.











NO3..

DASH



I'LL GET  
EVERYONE  
OUT,  
WHILE--!

SO THE  
KIDNAPPERS  
SHOULD  
ALL BE  
BLINDED AND  
IMMOBILIZED.

I HAD  
TABITHA  
USE HER  
WIND MAGIC  
TO SEND  
THE PAPER  
BALLOONS  
IN, AND I  
IGNITED  
THEM...

FWOOSH

FIRE  
MAGIC

IT WAS  
CAST AT THE  
GIRLS  
AND THE  
IMPACT  
MADE A  
MASSIVE  
SHOCKWAVE.

FOOOOOOM!!



FACE  
DOWN



I SENSE  
PEOPLE  
THROUGH  
THEIR BODY  
TEMPER-  
ATURE.

THAT IS  
ALL I NEED  
TO FIND  
BURNED  
OUT LONG  
AGO-AND  
YOU CAN'T  
BLIND  
SOMEONE  
WHO  
ALREADY  
CAN'T  
SEE.

EXPLODING  
YOUR LITTLE  
LIGHT BALLS  
TO BLIND MY  
MEN...



IS THAT...  
EVEN  
POSSIBLE?!



THEY  
SAY THAT  
SNAKES  
FIND THEIR  
PREY THE  
SAME WAY.



NO!!!

I WANT  
TO  
SMELL  
IT.

I WANT TO  
SMELL THE  
SWEET SCENT  
OF YOU  
BURNING!





IT'S ME,  
MENVIL!  
HAVE YOU  
ALREADY  
FORGOTTEN?!  
CAPTAIN  
COLBERT--  
WHAT'S  
IT BEEN,  
TWENTY  
YEARS?!

COLBERT!  
HA! IT'S  
BEEN SO  
LONG!  
THAT'S  
YOUR  
VOICE--IT  
REALLY IS  
YOU!

THE  
TEMPER-  
ATURE  
I'VE BEEN  
SEARCHING  
FOR,  
ALL THIS  
TIME!

HA  
HA!

FINALLY,  
I FOUND  
YOU!



THE  
FLAME  
SERPENT, A  
TEACHER?  
IT'S  
INSANE!

BUT WHAT  
IN THE  
MANY HELLS  
ARE YOU  
DOING AS A  
TEACHER?  
HA HA  
HA! WHAT  
COULD YOU  
POSSIBLY  
BE  
TEACHING?!

.....  
?





HE BURNED  
EVERYTHING  
TO THE  
GROUND--NO  
MERCY FOR  
WOMEN OR  
CHILDREN!

THIS MAN  
WAS CAPTAIN  
OF A... LET'S  
SAID A VERY  
SPECIALIZED  
UNIT OF  
SOLDIERS.




WHO STOLE  
THE LIGHT  
FROM MY  
EYES!

AND, HE'S  
ALSO THE  
MAN...



PASSION AND  
DESTRUCTION

ISTICS OF  
FIRE, SIR.



WOULD YOU  
PLEASE EXPLAIN  
TO ME THE  
CHARACTERISTICS  
OF THE FIRE LINE  
OF MAGIC?

MISS  
ZERBST, A  
QUESTION  
FOR YOU.



MAYBE  
MY EFFORT  
WAS FUTILE  
FROM THE  
BEGINNING.

PASSION, AND  
DESTRUCTION.  
SO SAD THAT  
HALF OF OUR  
ASPECT IS  
LIMITED TO  
SOMETHING  
SO VIOLENT.

I'VE  
SPENT  
TWENTY  
YEARS  
TRYING TO  
FORGET  
THAT  
WORD.

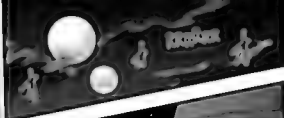


TAKE YOUR  
FRIENDS  
AND GO TO  
THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE  
TOWER.

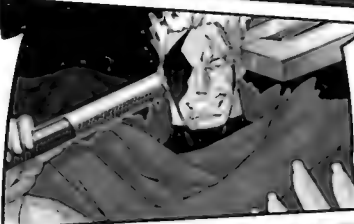
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FAMILIAR  
*Chevalier*







YOU'RE  
BARELY  
MANAGING  
TO DODGE!



WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
CAPTAIN?!  
HAVING  
TROUBLE?!



I CAN  
BURN YOU  
HOWEVER  
YOU'D LIKE!

OOH, WHAT  
IS IT? WANT  
ME TO BURN  
YOU QUICKLY  
SO YOU DON'T  
SUFFER?



MENVIL...  
I HAVE A  
FAVOR TO  
ASK.



IT DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHERE  
YOU RUN!  
I CAN SEE  
THROUGH  
EVERY  
MOVE!

I CAN  
BARELY  
CONTAIN  
MYSELF...  
I WANT  
TO SMELL  
YOU  
BURNING!

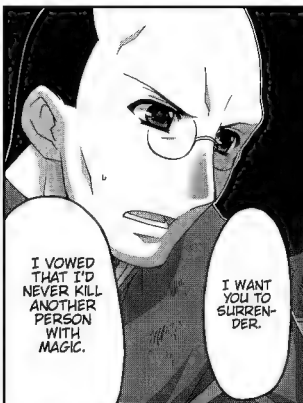
THERE'S  
NO-  
WHERE  
TO HIDE!



WHOA,  
DID YOU  
GO CRAZY  
WHILE  
I WAS  
GONE?

AND I ALSO  
KNOW YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
EVEN THE  
SLIGHTEST  
CHANCE OF  
BEATING ME.

MAYBE YOU  
CAN'T SEE IT,  
BUT I CAN SEE  
THE OLD YOU,  
PLAIN AS DAY.



I VOWED  
THAT I'D  
NEVER KILL  
ANOTHER  
PERSON  
WITH  
MAGIC.

I WANT  
YOU TO  
SURREN-  
DER.



I'M  
BEGGING  
YOU.

IN SPITE OF  
ALL THAT,  
I'M ASKING  
YOU TO  
HEAR ME  
OUT. YIELD.





A SPINELESS,  
BRAINLESS  
FOOL.



S-SO...THE  
MAN I'VE BEEN  
CHASING FOR  
TWENTY YEARS  
IS ACTUALLY  
A GUTLESS  
COWARD?



I'LL  
ROAST  
YOU.  
SLOWLY.

GRIP

TURN



SO,  
THAT'S  
YOUR FINAL  
ANSWER?  
NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
I BEG?



FOOM



I'M GOING  
TO START  
FROM YOUR  
FINGERTIPS  
AND SAVOR  
EVERY  
MOMENT...  
YOU'LL WISH  
YOU WERE  
NEVER  
BORN!

VOOSH

WHAT  
WAS THAT?  
YOU  
TRYING TO  
BRIGHTEN  
UP THE  
AREA OR  
SOME-  
THING?

LOOKS LIKE  
YOU FAILED,  
THOUGH! A  
FLAME THAT  
WEAK WON'T  
EVEN WORK  
AS A LIGHT  
SOURCE!!

FLASH  
1/4!

FWOON



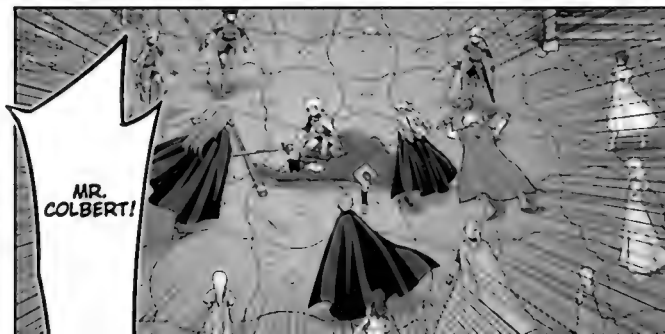
THAT'S WHY IT  
WAS VITAL TO  
FIND A WIDE-  
OPEN SPACE  
TO CAST, SO  
I COULD BE  
SURE THAT  
I WOULDN'T  
ACCIDENTALLY  
HARM MY  
STUDENTS...

A LARGE  
FIRE WILL  
BURN UP ALL  
THE OXYGEN  
SURROUND-  
ING IT.

IN THE  
END, YOU  
DIDN'T EVEN  
MANAGE TO  
BECOME A  
SNAKE...













DON'T  
MAKE  
HIM  
SPEAK!

STOP IT!  
CAN'T YOU  
SEE HE'S  
SERIOUSLY  
HURT?!

I DON'T  
CARE!  
ANSWER  
THE  
QUESTION!!



I SEE.

WHY  
DID YOU  
DESTROY  
MY HOME?!  
ANSWER  
ME!

GRIT



I WAS TOLD... THERE  
WAS AN OUTBREAK...  
IF I DIDN'T BURN THE  
VILLAGE... THE DISEASE  
WOULD SPREAD... MANY  
MORE WOULD DIE...

I WAS...  
FOLLOWING  
ORDERS...



IT WAS...  
POLITICAL... A  
PROTESTANT  
HUNT...



I DID...  
I ONLY  
LEARNED  
THE  
TRUTH...  
AFTER...

AND YOU  
ACTUALLY  
BELIEVED  
THAT?







MR. COLBERT  
MAY HAVE  
BEEN YOUR  
ENEMY, BUT  
TODAY, HE'S  
ALSO OUR  
SAVIOR!

I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
TELL YOU  
TO FORGIVE  
HIM...

HE LOST  
HIS LIFE  
SAVING  
YOURS!

BUT  
SAY ONE  
PRAYER  
FOR  
HIM, AT  
LEAST!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

UGH...



TMP  
///



THUNK

SSSSSS

!!

YEAH,  
PLEASE.

IT'S A  
LETTER,  
FROM MR.  
COLBERT...  
SHOULD I  
READ IT TO  
YOU?



HEY, SAITO...  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
ELSE IN THIS  
INSTRUCTION  
MANUAL..

WHRR..

"NOW THEN,  
YOU'RE  
PROBABLY  
WONDERING  
WHY I'M  
WRITING YOU  
LIKE THIS. TO  
TELL YOU THE  
TRUTH, I NEED  
TO ASK FOR  
A FAVOR.

"HELLO, SAITO!  
I HOPE MY  
INVENTIONS  
WERE USEFUL  
TO YOU! THAT  
WOULD BE  
WONDERFUL!

"DON'T  
WORRY,  
IT'S  
NOTHING  
TOO  
WEIRD!

"YOU ARE SO--  
NO, NOT JUST  
YOU, BUT ALL  
THE STUDENTS  
THE ACADEMY--  
ARE TERRIBLY  
IMPORTANT TO  
ME, SO BEING  
ABLE TO HELP  
YOU MAKES  
ME INCREDIBLY  
HAPPY.

HE  
CALLS IT  
HAPPY?  
JEEZ...

"THAT  
IS MY  
DREAM.

"I KNOW IT'S NOT  
MUCH MORE THAN  
A TOY RIGHT NOW,  
BUT ONE DAY I'D  
LIKE TO TURN THIS  
TECHNOLOGY INTO  
A WONDERFUL ITEM  
FOR EVERYONE!


"A DREAM TO TURN  
THINGS THAT CAN  
NORMALLY ONLY  
BE ACCOMPLISHED  
THROUGH MAGIC  
INTO TECHNOLOGY  
THAT ANYONE CAN  
USE! YOU SAW HIM,  
RIGHT? MY HAPPY  
MISTER SNAKE?

"I'M ASKING  
YOU THIS  
BECAUSE  
I HAVE A  
DREAM.



"A LONG  
TIME AGO, I  
COMMITTED A  
TERRIBLE SIN.

"I WASN'T  
SURE WHETHER  
I SHOULD  
TELL YOU THIS,  
BUT NOW THAT  
I'M WRITING,  
I THINK I  
WANT TO.



"IT DOESN'T  
MATTER  
HOW MUCH I  
ACCOMPLISH, OR  
HOW MUCH GOOD  
I DO FOR OTHER  
PEOPLE... IT WILL  
NEVER MATCH  
THE BAD THINGS  
I'VE DONE.

"I'LL NEVER  
TRULY BE  
ABLE TO  
MAKE UP  
FOR WHAT  
I DID, NO  
MATTER  
WHAT I DO  
NOW.

"I'VE THROWN  
MYSELF INTO  
MY RESEARCH,  
THINKING THAT  
IT WOULD LET  
ME ATONE  
SOMEHOW...  
BUT LATELY  
I CAN'T  
SHAKE THIS  
FEELING...



"THE  
MOMENT  
YOU LOSE  
THAT,  
SOMETHING  
INSIDE  
YOU WILL  
BREAK.

"NEVER LET  
YOURSELF  
GET USED  
TO WAR, OR  
KILLING,  
OR DEATH.

"I DON'T  
WANT  
YOU TO  
BECOME  
LIKE  
ME.



"YOU  
MUST  
NEVER  
STOP  
FEELING  
PAIN IN  
THE FACE  
OF DEATH.



"AND  
THAT'S  
WHY I'D  
LIKE YOU  
TO MAKE  
ME A  
PRO-  
MISE.

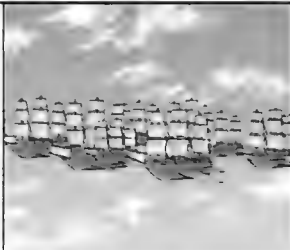
"BUT  
WHAT-  
EVER  
HAP-  
PENS,  
YOU  
MUSTN'T  
GET  
USED  
TO IT.

"NOW, LISTEN.  
GOING  
FORWARD, YOU  
WILL FACE MANY  
TERRIBLE AND  
DISTURBING  
SITUATIONS.  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO WAR, AFTER  
ALL. PEOPLE  
AROUND YOU  
ARE GOING  
TO DIE.

YOU  
PROTECTED  
ALL OF  
US...UNTIL  
THE VERY  
END.

I'M SO, SO  
SORRY...FOR  
CALLING YOU  
A COWARD...

"IN THAT WORLD,  
YOU HAVE GREAT  
METAL FLYING  
MACHINES THAT  
SAIL THE SKIES,  
AND MANY OTHER  
TECHNOLOGIES  
FLOURISH--THE  
LIKES OF WHICH  
WALKEGINIA HAS  
NEVER SEEN!



"NOW, ABOUT  
THAT FAVOR,  
YOU MENTIONED  
ONCE THAT  
YOU COME  
FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD,  
CORRECT?



"IS IT TRUE  
THAT IN  
YOUR WORLD,  
THERE ARE NO  
DISTINCTIONS  
BETWEEN  
NOBLES AND  
COMMONERS?  
AND EVERYONE  
CAN  
MANIPULATE  
THOSE  
"CARS" YOU  
MENTIONED?



"IF YOU  
DON'T,  
WE'LL  
NEVER  
GET TO  
TAKE THAT  
JOURNEY!

"SO,  
DON'T  
DIE.  
COME  
BACK  
TO THE  
ACADEMY  
IN ONE  
PIECE.



"I WOULD  
LIKE TO SEE  
THAT WITH MY  
OWN EYES.  
SEE IT, AND  
APPLY IT TO MY  
RESEARCH!

"AND THAT IS  
WHY...WHEN YOU  
GO TO THE EAST,  
PLEASE TAKE ME  
WITH YOU, I'M NOT  
JOKING--THIS  
IS COMPLETELY  
SERIOUS.





"AND THAT PEOPLE  
FROM YOUR  
WORLD HAVE  
ACTUALLY LANDED  
ON ITS MOON?!  
IF ALL THAT IS  
TRUE, WHAT A  
WONDERFUL PLACE  
IT MUST BE! I  
WOULD LOVE TO  
SEE A WORLD LIKE  
THAT SOMEDAY."



HE  
WANTS TO  
EXPLORE  
YOUR  
WORLD?

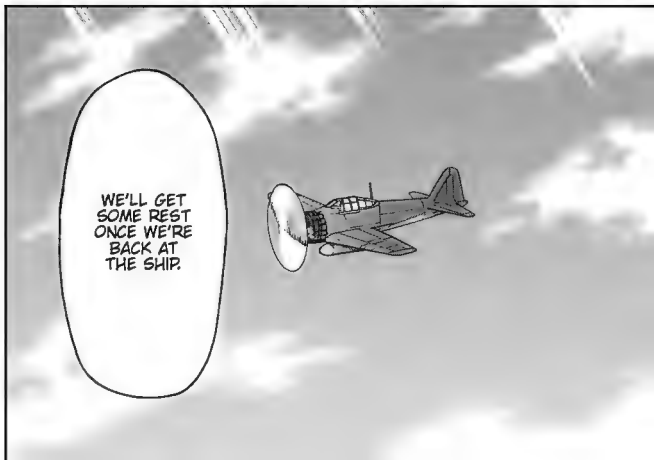
WHAT A  
STRANGE  
PERSON.

...AND  
THAT'S IT.



WHY  
ARE YOU  
CRYING?

SO  
SILLY.





BY USING THE VOID MAGIC  
SPELL ILLUSION, WE  
MANAGED TO DRAW THE  
ENEMY FORCES TO THE  
NORTHERN HARBOR TOWN  
OF DARGANELLES INSTEAD,  
AND OUR 60,000 TROOPS  
BROKE THROUGH ALBION'S  
DEFENSES EASILY.

IT'S BEEN  
ALMOST A WEEK  
SINCE THE  
ALLIED FORCES  
OF TRISTAIN  
AND GERMANIA  
CAPTURED THIS  
SMALL HARBOR  
CITY IN ALBION.





GLANCE



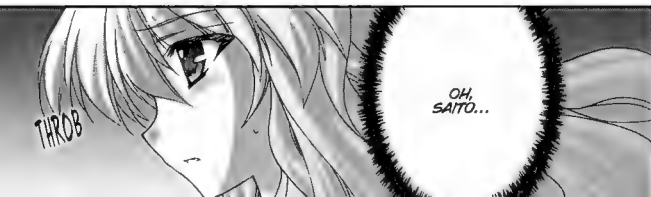
ALL RIGHT,  
SAITO. LET'S  
GO TO BED.

COME  
HERE.

I DON'T  
HAVE A  
NIGHTGOWN  
WITH ME,  
SO I HAVE  
TO SLEEP  
NAKED  
UNDER MY  
MANTLE...

IT'S  
A LITTLE  
EMBAR-  
RASSING...  
BUT I CAN'T  
SLEEP IF I'M  
WEARING  
SOMETHING  
LINCOMFORT-  
ABLE.

PAT  
PAT



THROB

OH,  
SAITO...



BUT SAITO  
DIDN'T GROW  
UP HERE. THE  
SOLDIERS WHO  
DIED WERE  
CLOSE TO  
HIS AGE... HE  
PROBABLY SAW  
HIMSELF IN  
THEM.

THE THREAT  
OF WAR IS  
ALWAYS  
CLOSE  
IN THIS  
WORLD...



GRIP

BUT...  
HOW?  
WHAT DO  
I DO?

STAND



I...  
I WANT TO  
COMFORT  
SAITO.



IT'S  
DIFFICULT  
WHEN IT  
HAPPENS  
RIGHT  
BEFORE  
YOUR EYES.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
THEY DIED  
IN THE  
NAME OF  
DUTY...

I GUESS  
IT'S  
INEVIT-  
ABLE.



CHEER  
UP.

YEAH.



I'M SURE  
THIS WILL  
SOUND VERY  
CRUEL TO  
YOU, BUT...

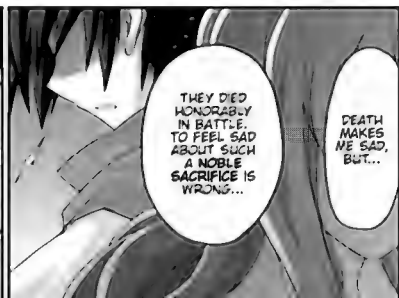
I WONDER IF  
IT'S BECAUSE  
YOU'RE SO  
CLOSE TO ME.  
TRULY, THOUGH,  
IT'S ALL  
DEPRESSING.

SEEING YOU  
SO DOWN IS  
EVEN SADDER  
TO ME THAN  
THOSE PEOPLE  
DYING.



ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?

HOW  
COULD  
YOU SAY  
THAT?!



THEY DIED  
HONORABLY  
IN BATTLE.  
TO FEEL SAD  
ABOUT SUCH  
A NOBLE  
SACRIFICE IS  
WRONG...

DEATH  
MAKES  
ME SAD,  
BUT...



BUT I  
HAVE TO GET  
SERIOUS!  
WE'RE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF A  
WAR!

OF COURSE  
I'M NOT  
SERIOUS!



DYING IN  
THE LINE OF  
DUTY. DYING  
FOR HONOR.

I...



SAITO...

I CAN'T  
EVEN  
IMAGINE  
HOW IT  
MUST HAVE  
FELT...

I DIDN'T  
EVEN  
KNOW  
THEIR  
NAMES...

HOW DO I  
COMFORT  
A BOY  
WHO'S THIS  
HURT...?

WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO DO ABOUT  
THIS?!

I'LL  
NEVER GET  
USED TO  
KILLING...!





AAH!  
WHAT  
AM I  
THINK-  
ING?!



IMAGINE

IF I  
WERE  
THAT  
MAID...

EVEN I  
CAN PULL  
THAT OFF!

BUT...IF  
THAT'S ALL  
IT TAKES...



FWOO

3!

I WANT  
TO MAKE  
HIM FEEL  
BETTER...

UNDER THIS  
MANTLE, I'M...  
NAKED.

MAYBE JUST  
HUGGING  
HIM ISN'T  
ENOUGH...?

I'M NOT EVEN  
WEARING  
UNDERWEAR...

FLUSTER!!

IF I LET  
HIM SEE ME  
NAKED, WE'LL  
HAVE TO GET  
MARRIED!  
THOSE ARE  
THE RULES!

はて  
FRET

FRET  
はて

NO, NO, NO,  
LOUISE!!

AM I EVER  
GOING  
TO GET  
MARRIED?  
TO WHO, MY  
FAMILIAR?!

FRET  
はて

THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!  
HE'S A  
COMMONER  
FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD--IT'S  
RIDICULOUS!

はて  
FRET

FRET  
はて

IT WOULD BE  
VULGAR AND  
INAPPROPRIATE  
TO SHOW YOUR  
NAKED BODY  
TO SOMEONE  
YOU AREN'T  
MARRIED TO!

はて  
FRET



UGH  
...

SSSH..

DOES SAITO EVEN LOVE  
ME, ANYWAY? I MEAN, HE  
TOLD ME HE DOES, BUT I'M  
ALMOST POSITIVE HE ONLY  
SAID THAT BECAUSE HE  
WAS AFTER MY BODY.  
BUT...IS MY BODY EVEN  
THAT ATTRACTIVE?  
I HAVE NO IDEA!  
I DON'T KNOW,  
I DON'T  
KNOW...

FRET

AARGH,  
ENOUGH  
ALREADY!  
STOP  
BEING A  
MORON,  
LOUISE!!



WOOOSH

ん!

WHAT  
IS THE  
MEANING  
OF  
THIS?!

FLAP

GRAB

WH-  
WHAT  
THE--?!





DISMISSED.

UNTIL THE REPLACEMENT DRAGONS ARRIVE, YOUR SQUAD WILL ACT AS LADY VALLIERE'S PERSONAL GUARD.



DID THE ENEMY PATCH YOU UP, OR SOMETHING?

I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE DEAD... IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU'RE ALL OKAY!



PLEASE, TAKE GOOD CARE OF US.

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE SERVING UNDER YOUR COMMAND FOR A WHILE.



TO BE HONEST, NONE OF US CAN REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AFTER WE WERE SHOT DOWN. EVERYTHING UP UNTIL TODAY IS A BLANK.





I LET THE  
DRAGON  
CHOOSE OUR  
FLIGHT PATH,  
AND SOMEHOW  
WE ENDED  
UP HERE IN  
ROSYTH.

WHEN I  
CAME TO, I  
WAS ON THE  
BACK OF A  
WIND DRAGON  
WITH MY  
SQUAD ALL  
AROUND ME.



BUT I'M  
JUST GLAD  
I GET TO  
SEE YOU  
AGAIN.

YES...

WHOA,  
YOU LOST  
AN ENTIRE  
WEEK?

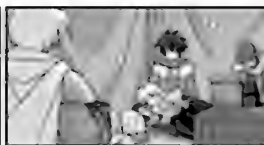


AND I'M  
SAITO  
HIRAGA.

I'M RENE  
FONCK, OF  
TRISTAIN'S  
DRAGON  
KNIGHTS.



I TOTALLY  
FORGOT TO  
INTRODUCE  
MYSELF WHEN  
WE FIRST MET.  
I GUESS IT  
BOTHERED ME  
SO MUCH THAT  
I COULDN'T  
DIE WITHOUT  
COMING BACK!







WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



WE  
COMPLETED  
THE MISSION  
AND  
PROTECTED  
OUR HONOR.

WELL,  
WE'RE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF A  
WAR. IF YOU  
LET YOUR-  
SELF GET SAD  
OVER EVERY  
LITTLE THING,  
YOU'LL NEVER  
STOP BEING  
DEPRESSED.

CHUG



THAT'S  
CRAZY.

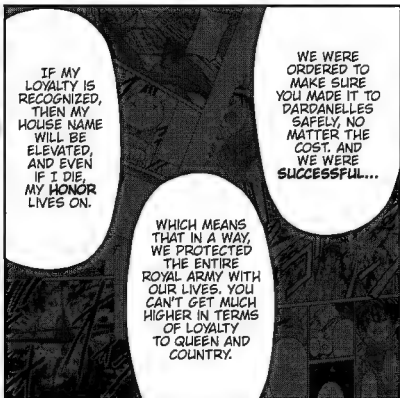
MAYBE YOU  
DON'T GET  
IT BECAUSE  
YOU'RE A  
COMMONER...  
BUT TO A  
NOBLE, HONOR  
IS MORE  
IMPORTANT  
THAN LIFE.



BUT...

HOW  
CAN YOU  
NOBLES  
TALK SO  
CASUALLY  
ABOUT  
DYING?

IF  
YOU'RE  
DEAD,  
IT'S ALL  
OVER.



IF MY  
LOYALTY IS  
RECOGNIZED,  
THEN MY  
HOUSE NAME  
WILL BE  
ELEVATED,  
AND EVEN  
IF I DIE,  
MY HONOR  
LIVES ON.

WE WERE  
ORDERED TO  
MAKE SURE  
YOU MADE IT  
TO DARDANELLES  
SAFELY, NO  
MATTER THE  
COST. AND  
WE WERE  
SUCCESSFUL...

WHICH MEANS  
THAT IN A WAY,  
WE PROTECTED  
THE ENTIRE  
ROYAL ARMY WITH  
OUR LIVES. YOU  
CAN'T GET MUCH  
HIGHER IN TERMS  
OF LOYALTY  
TO QUEEN AND  
COUNTRY.



SORE



HE'S  
FIGHTING  
FOR  
HONOR...  
SO WHAT  
AM I  
FIGHTING  
FOR?



LEAN

2

REALLY?

HE GOES  
ON AND  
ON... AND  
THEN FALLS  
ASLEEP ON  
ME?



DEATH  
MAKES  
ME SAD,  
BUT...

THEY  
DIED  
HONOR-  
ABLY IN  
BATTLE.

TO FEEL  
SAD ABOUT  
SUCH A  
NOBLE  
SACRIFICE  
IS WRONG...



I GUESS  
THE  
BIGGEST  
REASON...  
IS BECAUSE  
I'M  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
LOUISE.



FROM TWO  
DIFFERENT  
WORLDS.

A NOBLE  
AND A  
COMMONER...



FOR YOUR  
BRAVE  
DEEDS,  
I NOW  
PRESENT  
YOU WITH  
THIS  
MEDAL OF  
HONOR~!!



AREN'T  
THOSE MY  
PANTIES?!

HOLD  
ON A  
SECOND!!



THREE DAYS LATER.

AREN'T  
YOU GUYS  
DONE  
CELEB-  
RATING  
YET?!  
IT'S BEEN  
THREE  
WHOLE  
DAYS!

GAH  
HA  
HA  
HA!  
YAY!  
YAY!



OH MAN,  
THESE  
ARE THE  
BEST  
MEDALS  
EVER!

WHA?!

TH-THERE'S  
A WHOLE  
B-BUNCH OF  
'EM OVER  
HERE!

TA-  
DA!!



I HATE  
YOU ALL,  
YOU  
JERKS!

YOU  
GUYS  
ARE THE  
WORST!



JUST  
A D-  
DISOBE-  
DIENT  
MONGREL!

BAD DOG!  
BAD DOG!  
BAD DOG!!

YOU'RE A  
FAMILIAR!  
A LOWLY  
FAMILIAR!

AND WHY  
ARE YOU  
GETTING  
INVOLVED  
IN ALL  
THIS?!  
HUH?!



A FAMILIAR  
WHO'S ALSO  
A LOVER...  
ISN'T THAT  
IDEAL FOR  
A MAGE?

OH, YEAH.  
YOU'RE HER  
FAMILIAR,  
RIGHT?



YOU  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
ANY-  
THING!

Ha ha ha

WE'RE  
NOT  
LOVERS!

YOU'RE  
ALL SUCH  
IDIOTS!



Pop!

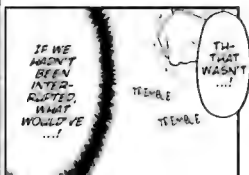
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YOU WERE  
WEARING  
NOTHING  
BUT YOUR  
MANTLE  
AND WERE  
DRAPE  
ALL OVER  
HIM

BUT  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
BEFORE  
WE  
WENT  
OUT  
BACK?

FRET FRET  
あわわわわ

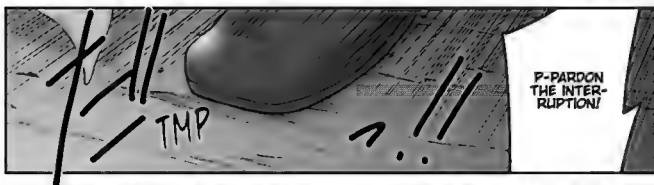


IF WE  
HADN'T  
BEEN  
INTER-  
ESTED,  
WHAT  
WOULD'VE  
...!

TH-  
THAT  
WASN'T  
...!

TEEMLE

TEEMLE



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WE  
TALKED  
ALONG  
SINCE  
THEY'RE  
OUR  
GUARDS...

SO I'LL  
NEED TO  
GO OVER  
HOW YOU  
MANAGED  
TO RETURN  
ONCE MORE.

I FORGOT  
TO WRITE  
UP THE  
REPORT...



EVEN THOUGH  
THEY'RE  
ALREADY DEAD  
THEY CAN'T  
REMEMBER  
WHAT HAPPENED  
AFTER BEING  
SHOT DOWN,  
THEY'RE STILL  
ASKED TO GO  
OVER THE SAME  
OLD STORY...



SO I  
WASN'T  
SURE IF I  
SHOULD  
EVEN BRING  
IT UP, BUT--

I STILL  
CAN'T TELL  
IF THIS  
WAS A  
DREAM OR  
SOMETHING  
REAL...



ER...  
UH...





Y-YES,  
SIR!  
HERE  
IS MY  
REPORT,  
SIR!

WHAT IS IT?  
KEEP YOUR  
REPORT  
BRIEF AND TO  
THE POINT.




I TRIED  
TO MOVE,  
BUT I  
COULDN'T--  
MY BODY  
WOULDN'T  
RESPOND.

AFTER  
FALLING  
OUT OF  
THE SKY,  
I WAS  
THROWN  
FROM MY  
DRAGON'S  
BACK...

AND FOR  
A WHILE, I  
COULDN'T  
MOVE AT  
ALL--I  
JUST LAY  
ON THE  
GROUND.



RUSTLE



I WAS  
ABOUT  
TO LOSE  
CONSCIOUS-  
NESS,  
AND I  
REMEMBER  
THINKING,  
"THIS IS IT,  
I'M GOING  
TO DIE."

BUT  
THAT'S  
WHEN  
I SAW  
HER.



SPARKLE  
キラ  
キラ  
SPARKLE

A...  
BEAUTIFUL  
WOMAN.

HER  
ENTIRE  
BODY  
SEEMED TO  
SPARKLE...

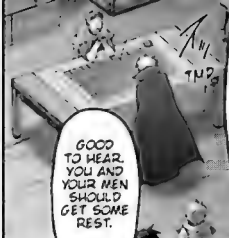
WITH  
LONG,  
GOLDEN-  
BLONDE  
HAIR...





ROMA-  
LIA...?

HE'S A  
ROMANIAN  
PRIEST--CAN  
YOU BELIEVE  
IT? A HOLY  
MAN PLAYING  
THE PART OF  
A DRAGON  
KNIGHT...



GOOD  
TO HEAR  
YOU AND  
YOUR MEN  
SHOULD  
GET SOME  
REST.

THE THIRD  
DRAGON  
KNIGHT  
COMPANY  
WAS JUST  
RETURNED  
FROM AIR  
PATROL,  
SIR.

IN SPITE  
OF BEING A  
COMMONER,  
THAT GUY'S  
EXTREMELY  
GOOD AT RIDING  
DRAGONS, SO  
THEY MADE HIM  
CAPTAIN OF THE  
THIRD COMPANY.



ROMALIA IS  
THE CENTER OF  
ALL RELIGION  
ON HALKEGINIA.  
THEY PRESIDE  
OVER ALL THE  
CHURCHES  
THROUGHOUT  
THE WHOLE  
COUNTRY, AND  
THE AGENCY  
OF RELIGION IS  
THERE.

AND HAVING A  
COMMONER HOLY  
MAN AS CAPTAIN OF  
A DRAGON KNIGHT  
COMPANY... WELL, IT  
MAKES US DRAGON  
KNIGHTS THE  
LAUGHINGSTOCKS OF  
THE WHOLE ARMY!

THERE AREN'T  
JUST NOBLES IN  
THE PRIESTHOOD.  
THEY LET  
COMMONERS  
IN TOO, WHICH  
MEANS ONLY  
SOME OF THEM  
CAN USE MAGIC



YOU'LL  
MAKE ME  
BLUSH,  
STARING  
AT ME LIKE  
THAT.



IT'S  
SAITO

YOU  
MUST  
BE THAT  
FAMOUS  
SAITO, WAS IT?



WAS IT  
EYES I  
BLUSH  
THOUGH...

HIS RIGHT  
EYE IS  
THE SAME  
REDDISH-  
BROWN  
COLOR AS  
LOUIS'S



THE  
END



HMM?  
AND YOU  
ARE...?

I'M JULIO  
CHESARÉ, A  
ROMANIAN  
PRIEST.

YOU MUST  
BE MISS  
VALLIERE!

THE  
RUMORS  
WERE  
TRUE--  
YOU'RE  
JUST AS  
BEAUTIFUL  
AS I  
EXPECTED!

SMILE

Gack

Goah--HRK!

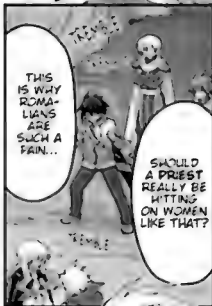
KISS



Y-YOU  
T-TERRIBLE  
MAN...



GAH  
G-GANNNGH



THIS  
IS WHY  
ROMA-  
LIANS  
ARE  
SUCH A  
PAIN...

SHOULD  
A PRIEST  
REALLY BE  
HITTING  
ON WOMEN  
LIKE THAT?



TURN



PLEASE,  
FORGIVE  
ME!

THE SOLE  
REASON  
FOR MY  
EXISTENCE...  
WAS TO  
MEET  
SOMEONE AS  
BEAUTIFUL  
AS YOU!

I CAME ALL  
THE WAY FROM  
ROMANIA AND  
RISKED MY LIFE  
IN THIS WAR,  
SO I COULD  
DISCOVER NEW  
FORMS OF  
BEAUTY...

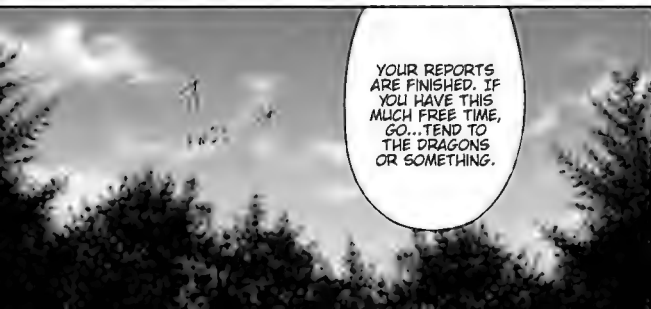


I THINK...  
WE'D FLOWN  
ABOUT  
AN HOUR  
INTO THE  
CONTINENT...

YOU SAID  
YOU SAW A  
FAIRY, CORRECT?  
CAN YOU TELL  
ME WHERE YOU  
WERE BROUGHT  
DOWN?



SO NEAR  
SOUTH  
OCTA



YOUR REPORTS  
ARE FINISHED. IF  
YOU HAVE THIS  
MUCH FREE TIME,  
GO...TEND TO  
THE DRAGONS  
OR SOMETHING.

WOOD...

STUPID  
LOUISE...  
"OH, YOU'RE  
A T-TERRIBLE  
MAN," SHE  
SAYS...

GETTING ALL  
FLUSTERED  
FROM ONE  
CHEESY  
COMPLIMENT.

HMPH.

BLANK

I MEAN, I  
CONFERSED TO  
HER FOR REAL.  
I TOLD HER I  
LOVE HER...

Ah!

HANG  
ON...!

DIDN'T SHE  
CALL IT A  
"SIGN OF MY  
LOYALTY," OR  
SOMETHING?

NOW THAT  
I THINK  
ABOUT  
IT, EVEN  
THOUGH I  
MADE THAT  
BIG LOVE  
SPEECH TO  
HER...



LOYALTY.

NOT ROMANTIC AT ALL.

CONFESSED TO HER BUT NEVER GOT A RESPONSE.

DIDN'T RESPOND BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY BACK.

SHE DUMPED ME, AND I DIDN'T EVER REALIZE!

CRUSHED!!



WHICH SEEMS MORE LIKE A DOG BEING GIVEN A TREAT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT. I JOINED THE WAR EFFORT AND I'M RISKING MY LIFE... AND SHE JUST GOES AND DUMPS ME?!

THAT DAY, SHE TOLD ME I COULD TOUCH ONE PLACE ON HER BODY...

SHOULDN'T SHE AT LEAST SAY SOMETHING LIKE "I LIKE YOU, TOO! LET'S START AS FRIENDS!" EVEN IF SHE WAS JUST LETTING ME DUNN GENTLY?



SO, ALL THIS TIME... I'D ALREADY BEEN...D-D-DUMPED?!





HER  
PUNISHMENT?  
**SILENT  
TREATMENT.**

PLAYING  
WITH A  
MAN'S  
HEART...IS  
A GRAVE  
OFFENSE.

**DA-  
DAN**



COULD  
IT HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO DO WITH  
THE HOLE IN  
THE DRAGON  
KNIGHTS'  
MEMORIES?

THAT  
GLYU WAS  
AWFULLY  
INTERESTED  
IN HEARING  
ABOUT THE  
FAIRY...



HEY,  
SAITO?  
YOU KNOW  
THAT FAIRY  
THEY  
WERE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
EARLIER...?





HEY,  
WAIT A  
MINUTE!



YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED TO  
BE ESCORTING  
YOUR MASTER  
BACK TO  
HER TENT,  
REMEMBER?!

SAITO!  
STOP  
RIGHT  
THERE...!



DO YOU HAVE  
ANY IDEA HOW  
WORRIED  
I'VE BEEN  
ABOUT YOU?

HOW  
DARE  
YOU  
IGNORE  
ME!

YOU TOLD  
ME YOU  
LOVE ME...



IRK

FWIP

I GUESS  
IT'S PRETTY  
CHILDISH  
OF ME TO  
IGNORE  
HER, JUST  
BECAUSE  
SHE D-D-  
DUMPED  
ME...

FINE.  
LET'S  
DO IT.



WHAT A  
HORRIBLE  
PERSON!

SH-SHE...  
TALKING  
LIKE THAT  
TO THE  
GUY SHE  
DUMPED...



YOU CAN  
STAY  
THERE  
FOREVER  
FOR ALL  
I CARE.

"ALLOW  
ME TO...?"  
FORGET IT.



DON'T YOU  
MEAN,  
"ALLOW ME  
TO WALK  
YOU TO  
YOUR TENT,  
MISTRESS"?



I HAVE  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT  
EVERY-  
THING--  
LIVING UP  
TO THE  
QUEEN'S  
EXPECTA-  
TIONS...  
BEING  
HONORABLE  
AND  
BRAVE...

HE'S SO  
SELFISH...

WHEN  
WE'RE  
ON THE  
BATTLE-  
FIELD...



YOU CAN'T  
SERIOUSLY  
BE LEAVING  
ME HERE!  
COME  
BACK THIS  
INSTANT!

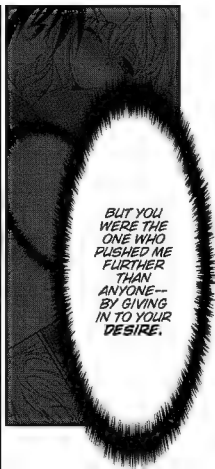


BUT NOW, I'M  
JUST GLAD WE  
DIDN'T GO ANY  
FURTHER!

I MEAN,  
IT WAS FINE...  
NICE, EVEN...  
AND AFTER  
YOU TOLD ME  
YOU LOVED  
ME I FIGURED  
IT WAS OKAY IF  
WE JUST...

SHAKE

SHAKE



BUT YOU  
WERE THE  
ONE WHO  
PUSHED ME  
FURTHER  
THAN  
ANYONE--  
BY GIVING  
IN TO YOUR  
DESIRE.

IF YOU  
TRULY  
LOVED  
ME, YOU  
WOULDN'T  
TREAT ME  
LIKE THIS!

"I LOVE  
YOU," YOU  
SAID! YOU  
LIAR!

I'LL  
NEVER  
FORGIVE  
YOU.

I HATE  
LIARS.

THAT MAID  
AND ALL THOSE  
OTHER GIRLS...  
YOU MAKE  
MOVES LIKE  
THAT ON EVERY  
GIRL YOU SEE,  
DON'T YOU?

I HATE  
YOU.



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"I LOVE  
YOU," YOU  
SAID! YOU  
LIAR!

I HATE  
YOU.

I'LL  
NEVER  
FORGIVE  
YOU.

THAT  
MAID AND  
ALL THOSE  
OTHER  
GIRLS...

YOU MAKE  
MOVES LIKE  
THAT ON  
EVERY GIRL  
YOU SEE,  
DON'T YOU?









**ZERO'S**  
FAMILIAR  
*Chevalier*

WE NEED TO  
ADVANCE! WE  
ONLY HAVE  
PROVISIONS  
TO LAST FOUR  
MORE WEEKS!

SOUTH GOTHA  
IS THE FORMER  
ALBION CAPITAL,  
AND CURRENTLY A  
MAJOR TOURIST  
DESTINATION.  
IF WE TAKE IT,  
WE CAN USE IT  
AS A Foothold  
TO MOVE ON  
AND CAPTURE  
LONDINIUM.

AND  
NATURALLY  
SHELLS THE  
ENEMY THREW  
THEIR MAIN  
FORCE AT US.  
WE'LL HAVE  
OUR OWN  
BATTLE THEN  
AND THERE.

WE BROUGHT  
OUR MEN HERE  
WITH THE  
PROMISE THAT  
THE WAR WOULD  
BE OVER BY  
THE PENTECOST  
OF OUR GREAT  
ANCESTOR  
BAMIR. IF WE  
CAN'T KEEP THAT  
PROMISE, TROOP  
MORALE WILL  
FALL SEVERELY!

YES?

KNOCK  
KNOCK



LADY-IN-  
WAITING TO HER  
ROYAL  
MAJESTY,  
LA  
VALLEURE

IT'S  
ME...



OH,  
MISS  
ZERO!



N-NO,  
I'M NOT  
HERE TO  
ASK FOR  
A MEDAL.

YOUR  
SUCCESSFUL  
MISSION AT  
DARDANELLES  
WAS CERTAINLY  
WORTHY OF  
A MEDAL. BUT  
IN A HURRY  
WITH THE ROYAL  
FAMILY ON YOUR  
BEHALF.

BUT  
WHAT  
BRINGS  
YOU  
HERE?  
OH, IS  
IT...



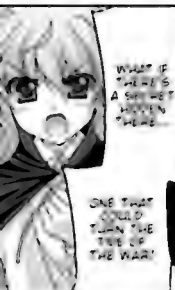
IT'S ABOUT  
THE DRAGON  
KNIGHTS WHO  
RETURNED FROM  
THE DEAD...  
THOUGH WE'RE  
OBVIOUSLY VERY  
HAPPY THEY'VE  
RETURNED,  
DON'T YOU THINK  
IT'S RATHER  
STRANGE?

?



WITH NO  
MEMORY  
OF THE  
TIME  
THAT  
PASSED.

THEY  
RETURNED  
TO US,  
COMPLETELY  
UNSCATHED,  
MORE THAN A  
WEEK AFTER  
BEING SHOT  
DOWN...



WHAT IF  
THERE IS  
A SECRET  
HIDDEN  
THERE?

ONE THAT  
COULD  
TURN THE  
TIDE OF  
THE WAR!

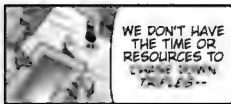


OH  
WHAT A  
CON-  
SPIRACY  
FAIRY!

ACCORDING  
TO THEIR  
REPORT  
THEY MAY  
HAVE SEEN  
A FAIRY IN  
THE SOUTH  
POTHA  
AREA THAT  
MAY HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO DO  
WITH THEIR  
MIRACULOUS  
RETURN.



THOUGH I  
KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENED  
WAS INDEED  
MIRACULOUS,  
I DOUBT  
IT COULD  
HAVE MUCH  
INFLUENCE  
ON THE  
WAR...



WE DON'T HAVE  
THE TIME OR  
RESOURCES TO  
EXPLORE DEEP  
TAFLES--



WAS A  
MOMENT  
SOON  
GONE  
WAS IT?

BUT, AS  
IT HAPPENS,  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING I  
WAS HOPING  
TO LOOK INTO.  
WILL YOU TAKE  
ON THIS TASK  
FOR ME?

THESE GUYS  
WANTED  
TO ASK US  
SOMETHING...

WHY'D  
YOU HEAD  
BACK TO THE  
COMMAND  
TENT SO  
SUDDENLY?

SIGH...

TP  
TP

Hah.

IT'S LIKE  
WATCHING  
A PRINCESS  
AND HER  
SERVANT.

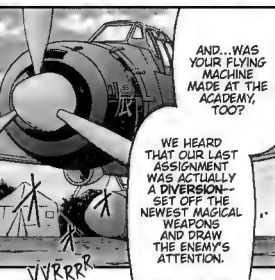
GLARE

TURN



THE  
ACADE-  
MY?

IT'S JUST  
A RUMOR WE  
HEARD, BUT...  
IS IT TRUE  
THAT YOU  
TWO ARE  
RESEARCHERS  
FROM THE  
ACADEMY?



AND... WAS  
YOUR FLYING  
MACHINE  
MADE AT THE  
ACADEMY,  
TOO?

WE HEARD  
THAT OUR LAST  
ASSIGNMENT  
WAS ACTUALLY  
A DIVERSION--  
SET OFF THE  
NEWEST MAGICAL  
WEAPONS  
AND DRAW  
THE ENEMY'S  
ATTENTION.



Ah?



ACTUALLY,  
WE WANTED  
TO TALK TO  
YOU GUYS  
ABOUT  
SOMETHING...



WE AREN'T  
ACADEMY  
RESEARCHERS.

I AM  
A LADY-IN-  
WAITING,  
IN DIRECT  
SERVICE OF  
HER ROYAL  
MAJESTY  
THE  
QUEEN.



STOP

THAT'S  
NOT IT.





WE'RE MEMBERS  
OF THE ZERO  
ORGANIZATION, A  
DIVISION DIRECTLY  
UNDER THE  
COMMAND OF THE  
ROYAL FAMILY,  
FOCUSED ON THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF  
NEW WEAPONS.

HUH?

TA-  
DA!!



THE WEAPONS  
THEY DEVELOP  
AT THE ACADEMY  
ARE NOTHING  
COMPARED TO WHAT  
WE'RE WORKING  
ON! THEY'RE THAT  
AMAZING!

YOU  
MUSTN'T  
SAY A  
WORD  
ABOUT  
IT TO  
ANYONE!

LISTEN  
UP! THIS  
IS A TOP  
SECRET  
ORGANI-  
ZATION,  
OKAY?!

TP

アカッパカッパ



U-  
UNDER-  
STOOD!



POINT

BUT IF  
ANY  
OF YOU  
BREATHE  
A WORD  
ABOUT  
THIS TO  
ANYONE,  
YOU'LL  
ALL BE  
EXECUTED!



WHISPER

WHEN  
THE HECK  
DID YOU  
COME UP  
WITH THAT  
CRAZY  
STORY...?



THE FACT THAT  
WE HAVE VOID  
ON OUR SIDE IS  
HIGHLY CLASSIFIED,  
AND ONLY A  
SELECT GROUP OF  
OFFICIALS KNOW  
ABOUT IT--I WAS  
TOLD TO USE THAT  
EXPLANATION IF  
ANYONE ASKS  
QUESTIONS.

THAT WAS  
EXACTLY WHAT  
HER MAJESTY  
TOLD US TO  
SAY IN HER  
ORDERS!



I  
WOULD'VE  
SPREAD  
THAT  
RUMOR  
FOR YOU  
SUPER  
QUICK!

POINT

JEEZ, YOU  
SHOULD'VE  
LET ME  
KNOW  
SOONER!

NOT TO  
MENTION  
AN  
IDiot.

YEAH,  
SURE.  
YOU KNOW  
YOU'RE A  
TERRIBLE  
ACTOR,  
RIGHT?

WOOOO





AH! TO BE  
OF USE TO  
SUCH A  
BEAUTIFUL  
YOUNG  
LADY... I  
PRAISE MY  
LUCK FOR  
GIVING ME  
SUCH AN  
OPPORTU-  
NITY!

WHERE  
EXACTLY  
WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO FLY  
WITH  
ME?



H-HEY,  
LOUISE!



WHY ARE  
YOU ASKING  
SOME  
POMPOUS--I  
MEAN, THIS  
ROMALIAN OR  
WHATEVER  
PRIEST GUY  
INSTEAD?

IF YOU  
NEED TO FLY  
SOMEWHERE,  
WHY DON'T  
WE USE  
MY ZERO  
FIGHTER?

YO,  
LOUISE!



YOU'RE STUPID,  
UNKIND, AND  
THOUGHTLESS!

MAYBE IT'S  
BECAUSE I  
DON'T WANT  
TO GO WITH  
YOU.



OTHER  
THAN BEING  
STUPID,  
NONE OF  
THAT HAS  
ANYTHING  
TO DO WITH  
BEING ABLE  
TO FLY.



A-ALSO!  
ALL YOU  
THINK  
ABOUT IS  
GROSS,  
PERVERTED  
THINGS!

Y-YOU  
THINK  
ABOUT THAT  
STUFF ALL  
THE TIME,  
AND IT  
DOESN'T  
EVEN  
MATTER  
WHO IT'S  
WITH!

FRET  
FRET



IF I'M  
GOING TO  
RIDE BEHIND  
A BOY, THEN  
I'D MUCH  
PREFER AN  
ATTRACTIVE  
ONE!!



THEN  
ALLOW  
ME TO BE  
BRUTALLY  
HONEST  
FOR A  
MOMENT!



YOU  
....!!



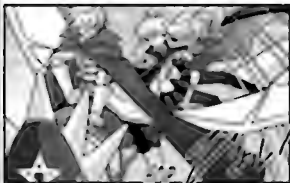
OH DEAR,  
WAS THAT  
JEALOUSY  
I JUST  
HEARD?!

ARE  
YOU A  
MORON?  
MAYBE  
YOU'D BE  
BETTER  
OFF  
DEAD.



DU-  
DUUN!!

W-W-  
WH-WHAT?!







An' I'm sayin' that somethin' didn't seem right! Maybe I'm just imaginin' things, but...

SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SO NASTY!

WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH HER?!



Whoa, partner! Yer goin' through a nasty rough patch right now, ain't ya?

But somethin' 'bout all this is rubbin' me the wrong way...



Yer not listenin' to a word I'm sayin', are ya?



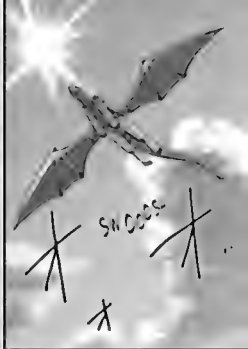
WOOSH...  
K...K...



KRRRR...

Ah well, ain't my problem.





WHERE  
WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO SCOUT  
OUT?



WOULDN'T  
THIS  
NORMALLY  
BE A JOB  
FOR A  
FAMILIAR?

THOUGH IT'S  
ALSO NOT  
THE SORT  
OF MISSION  
ONE WOULD  
NORMALLY  
SEND AN  
IMPORTANT  
PERSON  
ON--LIKE AN  
ACADEMY  
RESEARCHER.



HOW DID  
YOU KNOW  
I WAS ON  
A SCOUTING  
MISSION?

IT WOULD  
BE OBVIOUS,  
EVEN TO A  
CHILD! IT IS  
BY FAR THE  
MOST LIKELY  
MISSION FOR  
A SINGLE  
UNIT, AFTER  
ALL.



THEY WANT TO SEE  
JUST HOW USEFUL  
THE MAGIC WEAPON  
I POSSESS IS...

THEY  
PROBABLY  
INTEND TO  
THROW ME  
INTO A LONG  
CHAIN OF  
DANGEROUS  
TASKS...

CLUTCH



THE  
HIGHER-  
UPS ARE  
TESTING  
ME.



WHEN THEY  
LOOK AT ME,  
ALL THEY  
THINK IS  
"HOW CAN  
WE USE  
HER."

I'M NOT  
LOUISE  
FRANÇOIS  
AT ALL...  
ONLY THE  
VOID.

SLOWLY  
BUT  
SURELY I'M  
BEGINNING  
TO UNDER-  
STAND...

EVEN IF  
MY POWER  
IS UNIQUE,  
LEGENDARY...  
IN THE ARMY,  
IN MY NATION,  
I'M JUST  
ANOTHER  
COG.

WOOSH

09



SO...

WHERE  
ARE WE  
HEADED?



I'M USING  
THE VOID TO  
GET BACK AT  
MY FAMILY AND  
CLASSMATES  
WHO TEASED  
ME FOR ALL  
THOSE YEARS...

THEN AGAIN,  
MAYBE I'M  
NO BETTER  
THAN THEY  
ARE.



Oh!

SORRY!  
THE CITY  
OF SOUTH  
GOTHA,  
PLEASE!



HE REALLY  
DOESN'T  
SEEM MUCH  
LIKE A  
SOLDIER...

UM... JUST  
OUT OF  
CURIOSITY,  
WHY DID YOU  
COME HERE?  
ROMALIA  
ISN'T EVEN  
TRISTAIN'S  
ALLY, AFTER  
ALL.



AH, THE OLD  
CAPITOL. I'VE  
HEARD IT'S  
A BEAUTIFUL  
METROPOLIS.

I DON'T  
THINK I  
COULD BRING  
MYSELF TO  
DESTROY A  
PLACE LIKE  
THAT.

I...DON'T  
REALLY  
UNDERSTAND  
THE POLITICS  
OF ALL OF  
THIS.

WOOD

AND DESPITE  
BEING RULED  
BY THE POPE,  
ROMALIA IS NO  
EXCEPTION.

WE'VE GOT  
A VOLUNTEER  
ARMY, MAKING IT  
HARD TO ALLY  
WITH ANYONE!  
REPUBLICANISM  
IS PRETTY  
MUCH A  
NIGHTMARE FOR  
ANY NATION.

OH MY  
GOSH!  
I WAS  
BEING  
SERIOUS,  
YOU  
KNOW!!



HOW EXACTLY  
DOES A GIRL  
LIKE YOU END  
UP CLUE AS A  
FAIRY, HMM?

THEN LET'S  
CHAT ABOUT  
SOMETHING  
MORE  
INTERESTING,  
SHALL WE?



OH, I  
WAS ONLY  
TEASING!

WE'RE  
ALMOST  
AT OUR  
DESTINATION.



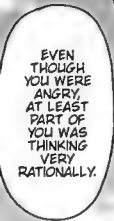


AND  
ALTHOUGH  
I WAS  
IMPRESSED  
WITH THE IDEA,  
IT MADE ME  
REALIZE THAT  
I'M ONLY A  
TOOL TO  
THEM.

IT NEVER  
OCCURRED TO  
ME TO USE THE  
VOID POWERS  
LIKE THAT...



YOU DIDN'T  
WANT TO  
RECKLESSLY  
DRAG HIM  
INTO A  
DANGEROUS  
SITUATION.



EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU WERE  
ANGRY,  
AT LEAST  
PART OF  
YOU WAS  
THINKING  
VERY  
RATIONALLY.



I...  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT!



IT'S BECAUSE  
THIS MISSION  
IS TOO  
DANGEROUS  
FOR SOMEONE  
WHO ISN'T  
PROPERLY  
ARMED. NOT  
FOR YOU,  
BUT FOR MR.  
FAMILIAR.



YOU DIDN'T  
JUST ASK  
ME TO DO  
THIS TO  
MAKE HIM  
JEALOUS...




QUICK  
MANEUVERS  
AREN'T MUCH  
USE FOR  
THIS MISSION,  
AND IT  
SEEMS THAT  
YOU SPENT  
WHATEVER  
SECRET  
WEAPONS  
IT HAD  
PREPARED.

THE  
PLANE IS  
OUT OF  
AMMUNITION.

I ALSO VISITED  
THE FLAGSHIP  
AND EXAMINED  
THAT FLYING  
MACHINE FOR  
MYSELF.

PLANE: TATSU (SIGN OF THE DRAGON)



UNLIKE ALL  
THOSE SELF-  
OBSESSED  
GENERALS,  
I'M NOT  
OUT TO USE  
OR TRICK  
ANYONE!

BUT  
I'M ON  
YOUR  
SIDE!



YOU DO  
KNOW  
THAT  
CURIOSITY  
KILLED THE CAT,  
RIGHT?



FA-  
FLAP



SEEMS  
LIKE OUR  
TIME HERE  
IS ABOUT  
TO RUN  
OUT.

THE  
ENEMY IS  
HERE.

WOOOOSH

TURN  
AROUND!

SAY,  
LOUISE...  
ARE YOU ANY  
GOOD AT  
HORSEBACK  
RIDING?

WOOOSH



THEN...  
HOLD ON  
TIGHT!

Y-YES...  
I'M ALL  
RIGHT AT  
IT...



THEY  
JUST  
CAST A  
SPELL  
AT US!

NOOOO...

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

RATTLE

RATTLE

I'VE GOT  
TO BLOCK  
IT SOME-  
HOW--!

GR?

DON'T  
LET  
GO!

FWOOOOM!!

ALL  
RIGHT,  
AZZURRO--  
USE YOUR  
BREATH!  
NOW!

SWIPE

AMAZING  
...!

WOOSH

EVEN  
THOUGH  
HE CAN'T  
USE  
MAGIC...

FWOOSH



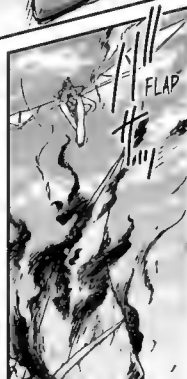
THE WAY HE  
COMMANDS  
HIS DRAGON  
MAKES UP  
FOR IT!





FWOOG

USE  
YOUR  
BREATH!





I SIMPLY  
DREW  
OUT THE  
NATURAL  
ABILITY  
OF MY  
DRAGON...

OTHER  
RIDERS TEND  
TO MAKE THEIR  
DRAGONS  
PERFORM  
A LOT OF  
UNNECESSARY  
MOVEMENT.

TUG



WH-  
WHAT  
JUST  
HAPPEN-  
ED?!



FLAP

NOW THEN,  
SHOULD  
WE HEAD  
BACK?



I  
THINK I  
UNDER-  
STAND...

"IN SPITE  
OF BEING A  
COMMONER,  
THAT GUY'S  
EXTREMELY  
GOOD AT RIDING  
DRAGONS, SO  
THEY MADE  
HIM CAPTAIN  
OF THE THIRD  
COMPANY."

"THERE  
AREN'T JUST  
NOBLES IN THE  
PRIESTHOOD.  
THEY LET  
COMMONERS  
IN TOO, WHICH  
MEANS ONLY  
SOME OF THEM  
CAN USE  
MAGIC."



HOW THIS  
COMMONER  
GAINED  
COMMAND OF HIS  
OWN COMPANY.

WHOOSH



FLAP



**ZERO'S**  
FAMILIAR  
*Chevalier*



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THEY'VE  
OVERSHOWN OUR  
SHORES. IT  
WOULD BE  
BETTER TO  
ATTEMPT A  
COUNTERATTACK  
NOW.

THE  
DARK  
MAGICAL  
ELEMENTS  
WAS THE  
BEST  
OF OUR  
IMAGINATION.  
SIR.

RM

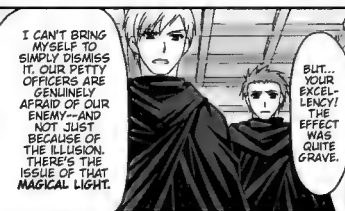
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AH, MISS  
SHEPHERD.

AND  
THE  
MAGICAL  
ELEMENTS  
WAS THE  
BEST  
OF OUR  
IMAGINATION.  
SIR.



I HAVE FINISHED  
MY REPORT ABOUT  
THE "ILLUSION"  
THAT SUDDENLY  
APPEARED AROUND  
DARDANELLES AND  
ASSAILED OUR  
PATROL SHIPS FOR  
OVER THIRTEEN  
HOURS--AND THEN,  
JUST AS SUDDENLY,  
DISAPPEARED  
INTO THIN AIR.



I CAN'T BRING  
MYSELF TO  
SIMPLY DISMISS  
IT. OUR PETTY  
OFFICERS ARE  
GENUINELY  
AFRAID OF OUR  
ENEMY--AND  
NOT JUST  
BECAUSE OF  
THE ILLUSION.  
THERE'S THE  
ISSUE OF THAT  
MAGICAL LIGHT.

BUT...  
YOUR EXCEL-  
LENCY! THE  
EFFECT WAS  
QUITE GRAVE.



MISS  
SHEFFIELD,  
THIS IS OLD  
NEWS. THE  
INCIDENT WAS  
NOTHING MORE  
THAN AN  
UNDERHANDED  
TRICK--A MERE  
MIRAGE TO  
DISTRACT  
US.



IF THEY  
HAD SUCH  
POWER,  
THEY WOULD  
HAVE USED  
IT BEFORE  
LANDING IN  
ALBION.

HE IS  
CORRECT, YOUR  
EXCELLENCY. I  
HAVE DETERMINED  
THAT THE  
ENEMY FLEET IS  
INCAPABLE OF  
UNLEASHING THE  
SORT OF LIGHT  
THAT ANNIHILATED  
OUR FLEET AT  
TARBES.



YOUR  
EXCELLENCY!  
THE GENERAL  
STAFF HEAD-  
QUARTERS  
PREDICTS  
THE ENEMY  
WILL MOVE  
TO CAPTURE  
THE CITY  
OF SOUTH  
GOTHA!



THE ENEMY  
ARMY HAD  
THEIR BACKS  
TO THE WALL  
AT THAT POINT.  
THEY SURELY  
WOULD'VE  
THROWN THAT  
"MIRACULOUS  
LIGHT"  
AGAINST  
US IF--

WHAT  
IF THEY  
WERE  
MERELY  
SAVING  
IT?



THE ENEMY'S  
RECONNAIS-  
SANCE HAS  
BECOME  
MORE ACTIVE  
IN THIS  
PARTICULAR  
AREA.

THEY  
PLAN TO  
USE IT AS A  
STRATEGIC  
BASE TO  
REPLENISH  
THEIR  
SUPPLIES.



JUST THE  
OTHER DAY,  
OUR SOLDIERS  
ENGAGED  
ONE OF THEIR  
SURVEY  
UNITS.

WE NEED  
TO DEPLOY  
OUR MAIN  
FORCES FOR  
A COUNTER-  
ATTACK.



HOW?

I WON'T  
BE GRANTING  
THEM  
DEMIL-  
SENS

YOU'LL  
ALLOW THE  
ENEMY TO  
REST AND  
PROCURE  
PROVISIONS  
UNDER OUR  
VERY  
NOSES?



WE WILL  
NOT HAVE  
OUR CIVIL  
PEOPLE  
FROM  
LONDINILIM.  
I DON'T  
CARE IF  
THEY  
CAPTURE  
SOUTH  
GOTHA.



WHY, WE'LL  
TAKE FOOD  
FROM THE  
POPULATION,  
OF COURSE.



WE'LL  
BLAME IT  
ON THE DEMI-  
HUMANS  
SENT AHEAD  
INTO THE  
CITY.



A  
SMALL  
SUN-  
FEE.

YOU'LL  
TURN A  
MAJOR  
METRO-  
POLIS  
AGAINST  
US!

BUT...  
PEOPLE  
WILL  
STARVE!

NOT  
POURON  
I WANT  
THE  
VOID.

YOU  
PLAN TO  
POURON  
IN YOUR  
BELL-  
LENCY?

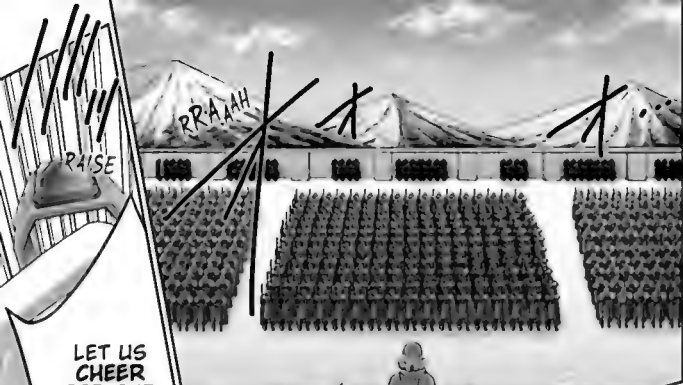
AND WHILE  
WE'RE AT  
IT, I WANT  
YOU TO SET  
A TRAP  
ON SOUTH  
GOTHIA'S  
WATER  
SUPPLY.

TO COINCIDE  
WITH THE  
END OF THE  
PENTECOST,  
THE TWO  
STAVES AND  
THE VOID  
WILL DEAL  
A CRUSHING  
BLOW TO  
OUR FOES!

MEN!  
WE MUST  
STOP THE  
ENEMY'S  
ADVANCE!!

AND WHEN  
IT DOES,  
OUR ARMY  
WILL  
DEMOLISH  
THE  
INVADING  
FORCES  
AND THEIR  
PRIDE!

THE TWO  
STAVES ARE  
THE EMBLEM  
OF THE  
KINGDOM OF  
GALLIA... SO  
GALLIA WILL  
FINALLY JOIN  
THE FRAY.



LET US  
CHEER  
FOR OUR  
BRAVE  
TROOPS!



HURRAY  
FOR THE  
HOLY ALBION  
REPUBLIC!

HURRAY  
FOR THE  
HOLY  
ALBION  
REPUBLIC!



I  
PROMISE  
VICTO-  
RY!!

WE,  
GOD'S  
CHOSEN  
PEOPLE  
OF  
ALBION,  
WILL  
LEAD  
HALKE-  
GINIA!!

AYE!

AAAAAYE!

SAITO...  
YOU  
IDIOT!!

WAA!

BECAUSE  
THOSE  
GUYS  
ARE  
HUGE!

WHY'D  
YOU  
HAVE TO  
MAKE A  
SCENE?!







I CAN'T  
FAIL AT  
THIS.



YES,  
SIR.

MISS ZERO,  
I WOULD  
LIKE YOU TO  
INFILTRATE  
THE CITY AND  
CREATE A  
DIVERSION  
FOR THE  
ASSAULT  
ON SOUTH  
GOTHA.



WHO  
GOES  
THERE?



HOLY  
CRAP,  
THEY'RE  
HUGE!!



WE'VE  
COME FOR  
GUIDANCE,  
AND TO  
PRAY FOR  
ALBION'S  
VICTORY IN  
THIS WAR.

WE'RE  
TRAVELERS,  
ON  
PILGRIMAGE  
TO THE OLD  
CAPITAL  
OF SOUTH  
GOTHA.



END OF  
FLASHBACK





OUR  
MAIN  
FORCE  
IS  
ATTACK-  
ING!

MY BODY  
USUALLY  
WOULDVE  
SPRUNG  
INTO ACTION  
WITHOUT  
THINKING...

THE  
REASON  
WE FAILED  
HERE...  
THIS IS ALL  
BECAUSE  
OF YOU!!



WE'RE  
COMPLE-  
TELY SUR-  
ROUNDED!







NO  
NEED TO  
THANK  
US.

TH-THANK  
YOU! YOU  
SAVED  
OUR  
LIVES!

I NOTICED  
YOU GUYS  
GETTING  
CHASED.



NO--  
I'M A  
PRIEST.



I GUESS THE  
ARMY ONLY  
SEES A CUTE  
GIRL LIKE YOU  
AS A TOOL.



AREN'T  
YOU A  
SOLDIER?



DO THOSE  
GENERALS  
SERIOUSLY  
THINK WE'RE  
CAPABLE OF  
EVERYTHING?

BUT HE'S  
RIGHT... I  
FEEL THAT  
WAY, TOO.

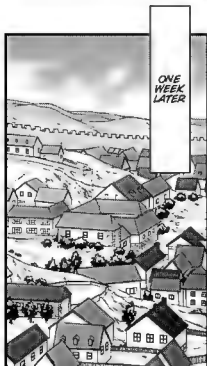
IRK



LOUISE?



THEY  
CAN  
BRING  
THEIR  
FIGHT!







WE HEREBY  
LIBERATE  
THE CITY  
OF SOUTH  
GOTHA!



GOING AGAINST  
CONGRESS, WE  
GRANT SOUTH  
GOTHA THE  
RIGHT OF SELF-  
GOVERNMENT  
UNDER THE  
SUPERVISION OF  
THE TRISTAINIAN  
AND GERMANIAN  
GOVERNMENTS!







I  
WOULDN'T  
MIND  
LOSING  
LOUISE IF  
IT WAS TO  
HIM.

"I GUESS THE  
ARMY ONLY  
SEES A CUTE  
GIRL LIKE YOU  
AS A TOOL."



BUT IF SHE  
DOESN'T  
LIKE ME,  
WHY DOES  
SHE KEEP  
ME AROUND?



RIGHT!!

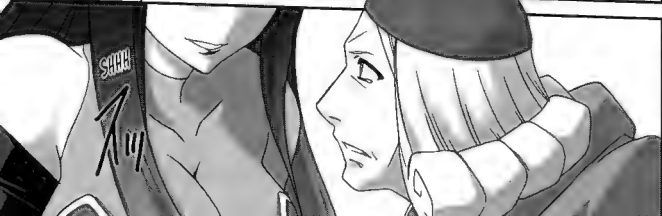
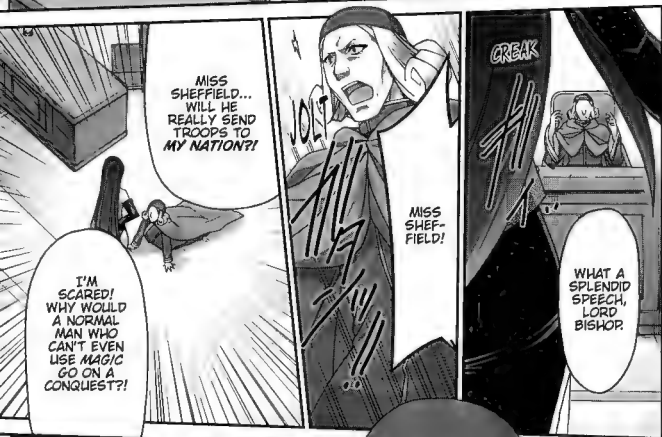
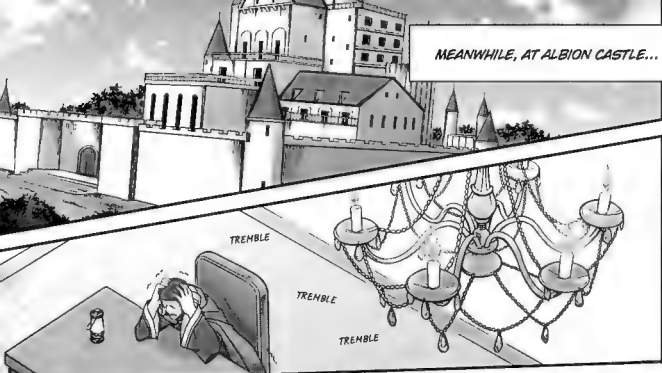


POP  
も+

POP  
も+

POP  
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MEANWHILE, AT ALBION CASTLE...





GROW  
UP!



EEP!

STUMBLE



TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

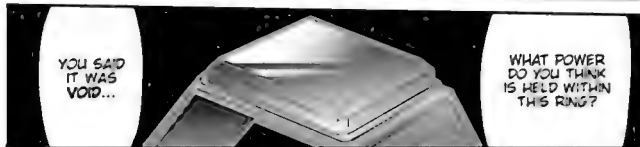
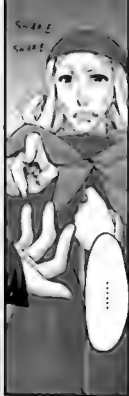


ANDVARI'S  
RING.

F-FORGIVE  
ME!




"YOUR  
NATION"?  
YOUR  
SUPPOSED  
PLOT OF  
LAND IS  
BARELY FIFTY  
SANTS IN ANY  
DIRECTION.



WHAT POWER  
DO YOU THINK  
IS HELD WITHIN  
THIS RING?





A MATERIALIZATION  
OF THE POWER  
OF WATER...  
CREATED WHEN  
POWERFUL MAGIC  
IS CONDENSED. A  
SECRET PROCESS  
PROTECTED BY  
THE SPIRIT OF  
WATER.



GLOW

GLOW



WITH THE  
MANY  
POWERS  
OF THIS  
RING...



ROUSING  
A CORPSE  
IS A  
SIMPLE  
TASK.





Chapter 20: Cease-fire







NOW THAT  
YOU'VE  
GOTTEN  
A TASTE  
OF YOUR  
OWN  
MEDICINE,  
REFLECT  
ON WHAT  
YOU DID!

...ERE.

HA

HA

HA!!



MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

HUH?  
W-WAIT  
FOR ME!



OH, H-  
HELLO!

WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON  
NOW?!

MISS  
VALLIERE.



PLEASE  
EXCUSE  
ME.

I'VE BEEN  
CALLED  
UP--I'LL  
BE RIGHT  
BACK.





GUICHE?!

WHAT'S  
GUICHE  
DOING  
HERE?!



!



CLAP

CLAP

HOORAY!

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

HIS COMPANY  
WAS ONE  
OF THE  
FIRST BRAVE  
FORCES  
TO BREAK  
THROUGH TO  
THE CITY!



HUG

WELL  
DONE!

B-BRO-  
THER?!



AH!

.....



I CAN  
REPORT MY  
MILITARY  
ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS TO  
MY FATHER...  
AND  
EVERYONE!

ONCE THIS  
WAR IS  
OVER AND  
PEACE IS  
RESTORED...

THAT IDIOT  
GUICHE IS  
GETTING  
A MEDAL?  
AND HIS  
ELDER  
BROTHER  
IS EVEN  
CONGRATU-  
LATING  
HIM



BUT IF I  
WANT TO  
DO THAT,  
I CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO MAKE  
A SINGLE  
MISTAKE.  
AND YET...

CLAP

1/4

CLAP

1/4

CLAP

1/4

1/4

CLAP

1/4

CLAP

1/4

CLAP

GLANCE

COME  
ON. PULL  
YOURSELF  
TOGETHER,  
YOU DOLT!





FORGIVE  
ME. I DIDN'T  
MEAN TO  
INTERRUPT  
YOUR  
PRAYER.



I'VE BEEN  
PRAYING FROM  
DAYBREAK TO  
NIGHTFALL.  
YOU HAD NO  
CHOICE BUT TO  
INTERRUPT IT.



CLICK

CLICK

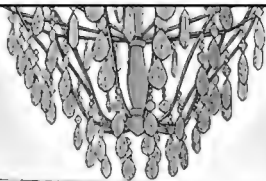
DID  
SOME-  
THING  
HAPPEN?



COME  
IN.

SEND MY  
CONGRATU-  
LATIONS  
TO THE  
GENERALS.

THAT'S  
GOOD  
NEWS,  
INDEED.



OUR ALLIED  
FORCES  
TOOK FULL  
CONTROL OF  
SOUTH GOTHIA  
YESTERDAY.

?



HOW-  
EVER...



THE  
STORES  
OF SOUTH  
GOTHA  
WERE  
COMPLETELY  
EMPTY.



HOW  
CRUEL!

PLEASE  
MAKE THE  
ARRANGE-  
MENTS  
TO SHARE  
OUR FOOD  
SUPPLIES  
WITH THE  
CITIZENS  
OF SOUTH  
GOTHA.



WERE  
THEY  
TRYING TO  
HALT OUR  
ADVANCE?



WHY...?



OUR  
ENEMY HAS  
REQUESTED  
A CEASEFIRE  
UNTIL THE  
END OF THE  
PENTECOST.

IN  
ADDI-  
TION.



WE'LL  
SIMPLY PAY  
OFF OUR  
DEBTS  
WITH  
ALBION'S  
PURVE,  
YES?

THAT  
WILL BE  
TAKEN  
CARE OF  
IF WE  
WIN THIS  
WAR.



OF  
COURSE  
BUT I  
SHOULD  
WARN YOU  
ABOUT THE  
LEVELS  
IN OUR  
NATIONAL  
TREASURY.

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

WE CAN'T TRUST COWARDS WITH NO QUALMS ABOUT CAPTURING THE YOUTH OF THE ACADEMY OF MAGIC!

THAT WOULD BE ALMOST TWO WEEKS!

THE PENTECOST IS HALKEGINIA'S BIGGEST FESTIVAL. IT STARTS ON THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR AND LASTS FOR TEN DAYS...

TO ASK FOR A CEASEFIRE THAT LONG?

I DIDN'T DEPLOY THAT MASS OF TROOPS TO SIT AROUND AND TWIDDLE THEIR THUMBS!

WHY DO YOU THINK I SENT THAT ENORMOUS FLEET?!

YOUR MAJESTY, WE CAN'T ASK UNREASONABLE THINGS OF OUR SOLDIERS--

NO, WE CAN'T TRUST THEM, BUT...

WHY DO YOU THINK I SENT OUR TRUMP CARD?!

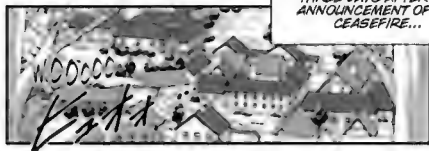
IN THAT CASE, I WANT LONDINIUM CAPTURED THIS INSTANT!

WE CAN'T MOVE WHILE WE TRANSPORT PROVISIONS.





THREE DAYS AFTER THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE  
CEASEFIRE...



IT'S  
SO  
COLD



WHY DON'T  
YOU COME  
OVER TO THE  
FIREPLACE?

AREN'T  
YOU  
COLD  
TOO?

Aaagh!

ARE YOU  
EVEN  
LISTENING  
TO ME?

SILENCE

IF YOU  
STAY  
OVER  
THERE,  
YOU'LL  
CATCH A  
COLD!

YOU  
NEED  
TO  
BE IN  
TIP-TOP  
SHAPE!

GLOOM

WHAT IS  
THIS...?

TEAR

TEAR

PIECES OF CORK.

GRAB

HEY!





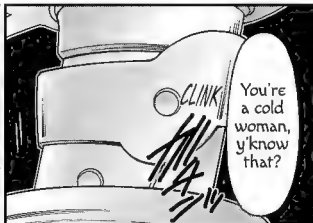


# CHAK



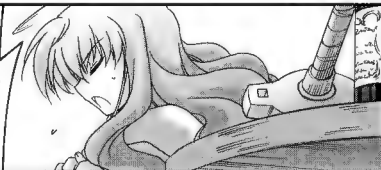
HE'S  
JUST  
MOPING  
AROUND  
LIKE A  
MEEK  
LITTLE--

HUH?!  
OH,  
PLEASE...  
IT'S  
ALL HIS  
FAULT!



CLINK  
You're  
a cold  
woman,  
y'know  
that?

HOW  
SHOULD  
I  
KNOW?



And who  
**made** my  
partner like  
that, huh?

Uh...



He's  
convinced  
you dumped  
him.

Lemme  
fill you  
in.



What about those other girls?

CLINK



To turn 'round and say he was just bein' a loyal dog... The poor guy.

My partner gave up on his plan to head East to stick around here with you! He even told you he loves you!



BUT HE'S BEEN...SO DISTANT WITH ME.

AND THOSE OTHER GIRLS...

HE IGNORES ME.



Ahhhh!

Ughh!

Urrrrghh!



Jeez. She's takin' this hard.



Now it's your turn to bend for him.

Believe me--he's a one-woman guy.

CLINK

CLINK

F-  
FINE!

CLINK

Fair  
enough.  
How's  
about  
this...

I'LL GO  
APOLOGIZE  
TO HIM!

BUT STOP  
LECTURING  
ME AND  
JUST TELL  
ME WHAT  
TO SAY!

I DOUBT  
LOUISE  
WANTS ME  
AROUND  
WHEN I'M  
LIKE THIS,  
ANYWAY.

ALL RIGHT.  
THIS  
TIME I'M  
DEFINITELY  
GOING  
EAST.



MR.  
SAITO!

SIESTA!

To be continued!



at the altar and

He is and pleased to meet you. It's my -Maid- now

We go now on Volume 3 of the 3rd Family of the 3rd  
The 3rd's really is a very good person. I  
I'll keep trying my best to be a good person. I'll keep trying my best  
I'll keep trying my best to be a good person. I'll keep trying my best

Until we meet again. I'll

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That one's really starting to get around here

Still employing my usual "I'm volume 4 and I'm good at plans"  
plotting opportunities

Until we meet again. :D

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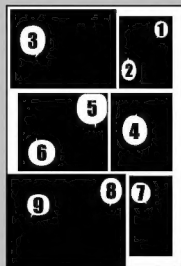
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